



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 189**

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**Chairperson:** Russ Karpisek  
**Committee:** General Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** January 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

In 2008 LB 1058 changed the name and redefined the responsibilities of the State Committee on Problem Gambling. Prior to the passage of LB 1058 the Committee was known as the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services. When the words “addiction services” were eliminated from the Committee’s name, other references to addiction services should have been stricken in Sections 71-816 and 71-817. LB 189 would eliminate this language.

LB 189 would also replace “compulsive” with “problem” when the word is used to define gambling. The term “problem” is now preferred by most research and treatment professionals. It has a broader meaning, because it applies to a range of gambling behavior that includes but is not limited to compulsive or pathological gambling.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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